Instructions for Completing the Arizona School Tuition Organization Annual Activity Report Relating to the Original Individual Income Tax Credit, the Switcher Individual Income Tax Credit, the Low-Income Corporate Income Tax Credit and the Disabled/Displaced Corporate Income Tax Credit

Part 1 - School Tuition Organization:

1. School Tuition Organization Name

Please write out your full name. Do not use initials or acronyms.

2. School Tuition Organization Address

Please write out the full address.

3. STO Contact Name

Please insert the name of the person that is filling out this form. That person should be available to answer questions about this report.

4. STO Contact Phone & and Email

Please insert the phone number and email of the person that can answer questions about this report.

Part 2 - Donor Information:

This information needs to be divided into two 6-month periods. The reason for the two 6-month periods is that ADOR needs to report on the cost of tax credits on a tax year basis. In ADOR's report on all credits, the private school tuition organization credits will be shown by calendar year rather than by fiscal year.

5. Total # of donors

This number should be the number of taxpayers donating for purposes of receiving the tax credit. If one taxpayer gave 12 times, that taxpayer should only be counted once. This must be reported in 2 six-month periods, July 1 through December 31 and January 1 through June 30. The numbers in column (a) and column (b) should equal the number in column (c).

6. Total amount of cash contributions received in the fiscal year for the tax credit

This number should be the total amount of contributions received from taxpayers for purposes of the tax credit during the fiscal year. Checks that are postmarked in the reporting period but not received in the mail for a few days after the reporting period <u>WOULD</u> be included in the reporting period. This must be reported in 2 six-month periods, July 1 through December 31 and January 1 through June 30. The numbers in column (a) and column (b) should equal the number in column (c).

Part 3 - Scholarship Information:

7. Net # of students receiving scholarships in the fiscal year

This number is the net number of students that received scholarships between July 1 and June 30 of the fiscal year. If one student received a scholarship in August and then again in January, that student would be counted once. If a student is "awarded" a scholarship during the fiscal year period but that scholarship is not paid until the next fiscal year, that student would not be counted in this fiscal year. Think of this as a cash-out count. How many students actually had their scholarship money disbursed in this period?

8. Net amount of scholarships paid in the fiscal year

This amount should be the amount of scholarships disbursed during the fiscal year period. If a scholarship was "awarded" during the fiscal year but not actually paid, it would not be counted in this fiscal year. If the scholarship was paid and then refunded by the school in its entirety within the fiscal year period and then paid out again, it would only be counted once. If the scholarship was paid and then was refunded in its entirety by the school within the fiscal year period and not disbursed again during this fiscal year, it would not be included in this amount. If \$5,000 in scholarship was paid in the fiscal year and \$2,500 returned by the school because the student did not continue attending the school, this would count as one \$2,500 scholarship.

List Scholarship Information by School for the Fiscal Year

The sum of the net # of scholarships and net amount of scholarships paid to all schools should equal the information reported on lines 7 and 8. Please check to be sure this is true because you will be asked to redo the report if the amounts do not match. You may attach a separate sheet with this information if you prefer.

School name

Please put the full and correct name of the school. For example, St. Anthony's or St. Gregory's is not adequate as there are two of each of these in Arizona. DO NOT ABBREVIATE!

School address

Please put the <u>full address</u> of the school, including the street address, the city or town and the zip code.

Net # of scholarships

Please put the net number of students receiving scholarships for this school. If you provided scholarships to 10 students for \$10,000 to this particular school but one student decided not to attend and the school refunded the money, you would put 9 scholarships here for \$9,000.

Net amount of scholarships

Please put the net amount of scholarships paid for students attending this school. If you provided scholarships to 10 students for \$10,000 to this particular school but one student decided not to attend and the school refunded the money, you would put 9 scholarships here for \$9,000.

9. Total amount of allocated scholarship money being held for identified students' scholarship in future years

If you have promised a specific student funding for the next academic year or for multiple future years, that amount should be included on this line. If asked, you would be able to provide names of students with corresponding amounts promised for future years that would total the amount on this line. List the number of scholarships allocated and the amount by school in the following table. The sum of the "Amount of Scholarships Allocated" column should equal the amount written in the box for Line 9.

10. <u>Total amount of refunds received in the current fiscal year from scholarships paid in the prior</u> fiscal year

If a school returned scholarship money that was disbursed in the prior fiscal year and then this money was paid out again during this fiscal year, that amount needs to be reported here. It would be included on the line above but we will then reduce the amount reported on last year's annual report as scholarships paid. List the number of scholarships refunded and the amount

- by school in the following table. The sum of the "Amount of Scholarships Refunded" column should equal the amount written in the box for Line 10.
- 11. Total net # of scholarships awarded to students with family income up to 185% of poverty level For every student you give a scholarship, you should be collecting family financial information so that you can track these statutorily-required items. On this line, put the net # of scholarships that went to students with family income up to but not exceeding 185% of poverty level.
- 12. <u>Total amount of scholarships awarded to students with family income up to 185% of poverty level</u>

On this line, put the total dollar amount of scholarships that went to students with family income up to but not exceeding 185% of poverty level.

13. <u>Total net # of scholarships awarded to students with family income from 185% of poverty level</u> to 342.25% of poverty level

For every student you give a scholarship, you should be collecting family financial information so that you can track these statutorily-required items. On this line, put the dollar amount of scholarships that went to students with family income that exceeded 185% of poverty level but was not more than 342.25% of poverty level.

14. <u>Total amount of scholarships awarded to students with family income from 185% of poverty level</u>

On this line, put the total dollar amount of scholarships that went to students with family income that exceeded 185% of poverty level but was not more than 342.25% of poverty level.

Part 4 - Cost of Audit or Review:

15. Cost of audit or review for all scholarship programs paid during the fiscal year

This amount is the amount you paid for your audit or review (and agree-upon-procedures) in the fiscal year but not necessarily for this fiscal year. In other words, you had an audit or review for Fiscal Year 2014 that was not paid for until Fiscal Year 2015. Put the amount paid for the Fiscal Year 2014 audit or review and agreed-upon-procedures on this line. THIS AMOUNT WILL BE THE SAME ON EACH ANNUAL REPORT WORKSHEET YOU COMPLETE. This amount should not include charges for completing the Form 990.

Part 5 - Additional Information Required

16. Copy of STO's explanation of the basis for awarding scholarships

Check the box to indicate that you have attached your STO's basis for awarding scholarships. Yes, we asked for this last year. We will ask for it again next year. It is an annual request.

17. Copy of STO's scholarship application and any solicitation brochures

Check the box to indicate that you have attached the scholarship application and solicitation brochures. Yes, we asked for this last year. We will ask for it again next year. It is an annual request.

18. Name, Job Title at STO and Annual Salary from STO

The statute requires that the STO report the names, job titles and annual salaries of the 3 employees who receive the highest annual salaries from the STO. That is pretty self-explanatory.

At the bottom of the 2nd page are check boxes for the following:

Copy of audit or review engagement letter for Fiscal Year 2015 is attached

This is a box you can check when you have attached the letter that is required. Note that the completed audit or review must be submitted to ADOR within 5 days of completion, which should not be later than December 31st.

Copy of engagement letter for agreed upon procedures for Fiscal Year 2015 is attached

This is a box you can check when you have attached the letter that is required. The completed agreed upon procedures is due to ADOR by December 31st.

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